GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1155
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Child Labour in Garment Sector
Khuba Shri Bhagwanth

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.117 FOR 07.12.2015 BY SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED BASHEER AND SHRI K.N. RAMACHANDRAN REGARDING SUPER SPECIALITY FACILITIES IN ESI HOSPITALS.

(a):- Employees' State Insurance Corporation has 151 ESI hospitals functioning in the country at present. State/UT-wise details are at Annex.

(b):- ESIC has listed various programmes for implementation under 2nd Generation Reform agenda named "ESIC-2.0", which was launched on 20th July, 2015 by Hon'ble Prime Minister. As per the Reform Agenda, ESIC Hospitals are to be equipped with the following super specialty facilities:
a) Cardiology treatment facilities.
b) Dialysis facilities.
c) Cancer detection/ treatment facilities.

(c) & (d):- At present, there is no proposal to set-up new super speciality hospitals under ESI in Country.

(e):- Hygiene in ESIC Hospitals is generally satisfactory. Further, under ESIC 2.0 reform agenda, ESI Corporation has launched special cleanliness drive as an extension of the National Drive of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, under which all the ESIC Hospitals have been, inter-alia, directed to undertake following measures:
*Complete white wash, painting of the hospital building alongwith minor repair.
*Improving the horticulture and installation of flowers pots in the internal area.
*Importance to be given for cleanliness of toilets.

Changing the hospitals bed sheet on daily basis in the OPD and wards, as per day-wise VIBGYOR pattern.

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)
(a) to (c): The number of main workers in the age group of 5-14 years in the country is 43.53 lakh as per 2011 Census, which includes 26.64 lakh male and 16.89 lakh female. The occupation wise data is not available from Census 2011. Considering the nature of the problem of child labour, Government is following a multi-pronged strategy for eradication of child labour. It comprises of statutory and legislative measures, rehabilitation of children withdrawn from work through specific scheme and universal elementary education along with convergence with other schemes for socio-economic development.
(d): As per the information furnished by various States, the number of inspections and prosecutions under Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986 during the last three years, State-wise is given at Annexure.
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